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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

PORTO RICO.

Communicable Diseases—Service of Sanitation to Establish Hospitals for the Treatment of. (Act No. 44, Mar. 13, 1913.)

SECTION 1. The service of sanitation is hereby authorized to create and establish, and is ordered to create and establish, an insular hospital in each one of the seven districts into which the island of Porto Rico is divided. Said hospital shall serve for the treatment of the sick suffering from transmissible and contagious diseases in the respective districts, especially tuberculosis and uncinariasis, as well as all those cases of sickness which can not be attended to in the municipal hospital.

SEC. 2. Said hospital shall be constructed in each district in the most adequate and hygienic locality to be determined by the service of sanitation upon recommendation of the insular board of health. For the organization and management of these sanitary institutions the director of sanitation will prepare the regulations.

SEC. 3. That the commissioner of the interior is hereby authorized and directed to order that such improvements as may be required be made on the lands obtained for the location and construction of the seven hospitals and to carry out the provisions of this act, and all projects and plans for improving buildings or constructions shall be made with future enlargement in view and executed in accordance with the legislation in force and must be previously approved by the insular board of health upon recommendation of the director of sanitation: *Provided*, That each hospital will have the number of beds which may be necessary to attend to local necessities.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the preceding section there is hereby appropriated such amount as may be necessary from any funds in the insular treasury not otherwise appropriated, but the total sum to be expended shall not exceed $120,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. The director of sanitation will appoint the medical superintendent of each one of these hospitals, as well as the assistants and subordinate personnel, necessary for the performance of the duties. The Executive Council is authorized to fix the salaries of all the employees of the hospitals, if the same shall not have been fixed already in the budget.

SEC. 6. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Institute of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene—Organization and Duties. (Act No. 58, Mar. 13, 1913.)

SECTION 1. That the present Institute of Tropical Medicine shall be known as "The Institute of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene of Porto Rico." It shall be for the purpose of cooperating in the continuance of the campaign against uncinariasis and other transmissible diseases for the investigation of such diseases in the island of Porto Rico

and for the instruction of sanitary officials in special diseases of this country and latitude.

SEC. 2. The institute will be composed of the director of sanitation ex officio, the director of the bacteriological laboratory ex officio, and of one physician, resident of Porto Rico, and experienced in tropical medicine, who shall be appointed by the governor: *Provided*, That the director of sanitation shall be in charge of the financial and administrative responsibilities of the institute: *And provided further*, That the governor of Porto Rico be, and hereby is, authorized on the recommendation of the institute to request of any department or departments of the Federal Government the detail of one or more medical officers of the department or departments, who shall be experienced in tropical medicine to cooperate with the institute and who shall be ex officio members thereof. But under no circumstances will the institute consist of more than five permanent members.

SEC. 3. The director of sanitation will designate an employee of the service of sanitation, who shall act as secretary of the institute, and who shall serve without additional compensation.

SEC. 4. The permanent members of the institute shall receive the sum of $3,600 annually: *Provided*, That any permanent member who has a salary from the Insular or Federal Government shall be entitled to an additional compensation equivalent to the difference between such salary and that provided by this act for said permanent members.

SEC. 5. No salary shall be paid any person already receiving from the Insular or Federal Government a compensation equal to or exceeding $3,600 annually.

SEC. 6. The permanent members of the institute shall have full control of the scientific work of the institute and they shall be the only ones authorized to prepare for publication such reports and special studies as from time to time may be considered of scientific value.

SEC. 7. The governor, upon the recommendation of the institute, shall appoint an entomologist at a salary not to exceed $2,500 annually, and such associate members of the institute as may be deemed necessary for the more perfect working thereof. These associate members shall receive a compensation of $10 per day when actually on duty. When not actually on duty, they shall continue to be carried on the rolls as "associate members of the institute," without pay.

SEC. 8. The permanent members of the institute, and the associate members when actually on duty with said institute, during the time that they may be on expedition outside of the locality where they reside shall be allowed actual traveling expenses: *Provided*, That the institute shall be located in the city of San Juan.

SEC. 9. At the request of the permanent members of the institute, the director of sanitation will furnish them with the facilities for any expeditions authorized by them, and will employ the personnel for such expeditions and for special work, subject to the approval of the governor.

SEC. 10. The institute shall be permitted to utilize the laboratory of the sanitation service and such beds and rooms in hospitals under his control as the director of sanitation may consider available, provided that no work undertaken in the laboratory shall interrupt the current laboratory work of the sanitation service.

SEC. 11. For the purpose of defraying all kinds of expenses of said institute, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and this sum shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this law.

SEC. 12. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.